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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2007, please reconsider this application in view of the following.